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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: Peter Buck  
Serial No.: 09/996,333  
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Group Art Unit: 1756  
Examiner: Mohamedulla, Saleha R.  
Title: **PHOTOMASK AND METHOD FOR REDUCING  
EXPOSURE TIMES OF HIGH DENSITY  
PATTERNS ON THE SAME**

Mail Stop Amendment  
Commissioner for Patents  
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**RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION**

In response to the Office Action mailed June 7, 2004, Applicant respectfully submits the following amendments set forth below and requests favorable action thereon.

**Amendments to Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 7 of this paper.